

Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board
LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby & Mendota ETSBs
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at the Peru Municipal Building, 1901 4th Street, Peru, Illinois. Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Voting & Quorum Members Present: Leo Hochstatter (David Boelk), Jason Curran, John Duncan, Brent Bader (Jeff Grove), Jamey Mertel (Ken Kolowski), Steve Maltas, Mike Margis, Jason Martin, Gregory McDermott, Sarah Raymond, Art Smith, Jason Stubler, Vice Chairman Jerry Janick, Chairman King. Absent: Brian Fisher, Dennis Rutishauser.

Also Present: Executive Director Doug Bernabei

Non-Voting Members Present: None

MINUTES

Chairman King presented the minutes of the IVRD meeting of July 23, 2026. Mike Margis made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Jason Curran seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENT)

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Jason Stubler made a motion to receive and place on file a communication from the City of LaSalle designating Brent Bader to serve as IVRD Board Member Mayor Jeff Grove's IVRD proxy. Sarah Raymond seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE/EMS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

None

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Doug Bernabei reported the next meeting will take place on September 9th at which time a new committee chair will be determined. CAD situation dispatch code discussion took place at the July meeting.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

None

MEMBER FEE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

John Duncan provided a presentation on the recommendations from the Fee Structure Committee for proposed new and existing member fees. Meetings began in fall 2025 with representatives from LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby and Mendota. A funding formula was developed by reviewing the call volume data, taking into account more labor-intensive calls such as structure fires, fire districts that serve large areas and state parks, CAD consideration, the possibility of Mendota leaving IVRD and generally increased expenses. Board members conducted general discussion of the proposed fee schedule which was broken down by the various organizations and disciplines. The Fee Structure Committee is considering a \$26 rate per capita recommendation. Following board discussion, additional factors to consider include the Troy Grove Fire Protection District, and Dimmick/Dalzell. John Duncan will make some tweaks to the fee schedule based on the conversation and provide an update at an upcoming meeting. Once everything is determined, IGA's will need to be updated and renewed. Executive Director Doug Bernabei reported the consolidation into IVRD has provided ample savings to the cities over the years, and he had reviewed the savings it provided to Peru.

REPORTS

IVRD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Doug Bernabei provided the following report:

1. Staffing Update

Telecommunicator Staffing: 10 full-time Telecommunicators (TCs) and 4 part-time Telecommunicators (TCs). Lisa is currently completing training.

Support Personnel: Jeri, Custodian; Brandon, Technical Advisor; Doug, Executive Director.

2. Training Updates/Protocol Reviews/Field Feedback (Bernabei)

Illinois Public Safety Telecommunications Association: (IPSTA) Training Conference: Sunday, October 18–Wednesday, October 21, 2026

FOIA and OMA Certification Update: Hunter and Dean

Severe Weather Protocols: I will be working with the Fire and Law Enforcement Committees for review.

- Activation of siren review.
- Bureau County warnings versus LaSalle County warnings when different warnings have been issued based on National Weather Service information.
- Storm mode: Dispatch centers being manned, and fire roll calls for incident command.

After-Action Incident Reviews:

- LaSalle Fire Department after-action review on the Batteries Plus fire.

3. CentralSquare Update (Miller)

We continue to work through mapping issues. The issue is the translation between WTH and Central Square. We are making progress and after we complete this next mapping update we are going to require both WTH and Central Square to provide us a synopsis of what they did to get our data to work in Central Square in the hopes that this will make future uploads seamless. The mapping translation is creating issues with the ESB EMS Layer which is affecting EMS unit recommendations. I will be setting up a time soon to assist Spring Valley and Ogelsby Fire with station access to the CAD.

4. ProQA Update (Miller)

We are granularizing the ProQA determinants starting with Medica ProQA. There are over 3000 that need to be entered which takes some time, TC Mumm is working through the response determinant list. As soon as they are completed, we will build them into the run cards and move onto the next discipline.

5. CESSA (Illinois Program – 911/988 Update) (Miller)

Our subregional continues to meet bimonthly. Next Meeting is Step 24, 2026 at 1000 hours in the EMS office at OSF Ottawa. The state is now requiring OMA requirements for this meeting. We are looking at formalizing the committee members to meet the request but will continue to meet as a work group and make recommendations to the committee for approval (the work group will be sure not to exceed committee membership for OMA requirements). We continue to transfer low acuity calls without issue.

6. Old Business

Spring Valley Fire Protection District / City of Spring Valley Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Update.

7. New Business

Flock Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR): Discussion regarding Flock automatic license plate readers and their impact on Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch.

Bureau County Emergency Management Agency Tabletop Exercise: Attendance at a tabletop exercise with the Bureau County Emergency Management Agency regarding disaster preparedness for Bureau and Putnam Counties.

8. All Other (Bernabei)

National Night Out:

- Numerous communities participated in National Night Out, with telecommunicators attending and engaging with community members. Telecommunicators appreciate being invited to participate in these events, which help strengthen relationships and increase awareness of the important role of 911 and emergency communications.
- September 29, board meeting hope to have original TC's here to be recognized for 10-year anniversary and media as well. We have 5 original members still with IVRD.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chairman King presented and reviewed the July financial report. Steve Maltas made a motion to receive and place the July financial report on file and to approve and pay bills in the usual manner. Sarah Raymond seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Hochstatter (Boelk), Curran, Duncan, Bader (Grove), Mertel (Kolowski), Maltas, Margis, Martin, McDermott, Raymond, Smith, Stubler, Janick and King voting aye; Fisher, Rutishauser absent; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

John Duncan asked if Mendota plans on withdrawing from IVRD once withdrawal fees are determined. Jason Martin confirmed, and said the Mendota mayor has decided to proceed with the next steps to withdraw from IVRD membership. John Duncan asked where Mendota is going to be dispatched. Jason Martin said he believes the intention is to be dispatched by the county. John Duncan reported he called the State 9-1-1- office to inquire about the distribution of 9-1-1 surcharge funds if Mendota were to leave IVRD. John Duncan reported from the information he received during the discussion with the State 9-1-1- office, the surcharge money would not go with Mendota unless the JETSB agrees. John Duncan suggested a conference call with the State 9-1-1 office to discuss the matter further. Jason Martin said he believes the Mendota mayor has made it pretty clear that Mendota intends to leave IVRD. Jason Curran asked if the Mendota Resolution No. 08-03-26 started the 2-year clock for Mendota's withdrawal. John Duncan stated the IVRD attorney is preparing a response letter back to Mendota regarding the resolution. John Duncan said Mendota would be responsible for all costs related to the potential withdrawal such as obtaining a financial consultant to assist in coming up with a calculation.

Leo Hochstatter made a motion to receive and place on file Resolution No. 08-03-26 from the City of Mendota. Jason Martin seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

None

PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)

None

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

None

SCHEDULE NEXT IVRD MEETING

The next IVRD meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 29, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Jason Stubler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Martin seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.